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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed March 13, 2006, applicants elect the invention of Group IX drawn to the embodiment of treating a CCR2-mediated disorder in a patient. Applicants note that Group V (directed to methods of treating HIV) and Group X (directed to methods of treating restenosis) are also drawn to specific CCR-2 mediated disorders. Therefore, the claims covering these embodiments have been amended to depend from claims 36, 54 or dependencies of claims 36 or 54. For searching purposes, applicants elect the species of rheumatoid arthritis. Claims 36, 50, 54 and 56-58 read on the elected species. The species election is made without traverse.

Please amend the application as follows:

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